

Data release policy

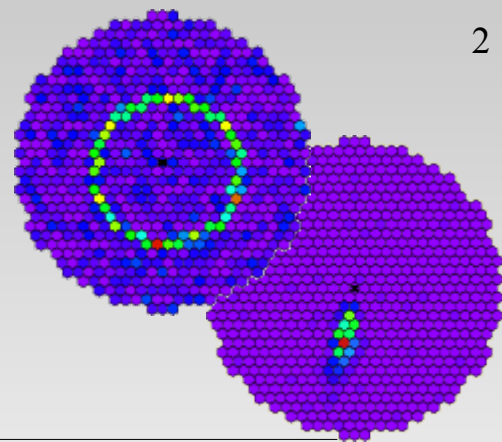
Current status

- All Cherenkov telescopes operate as experiments
 - ➡ The data is strictly secret, to hide
 - the observation schedule
 - the observed sources
 - the results before publication
- What are the reasons?
 - Being afraid that competing instruments could
 - Analyze and publish faster
 - Observe source just because we observed them
 - Get good ideas from our observation schedule
- But this doesn't apply to DWARF, because
 - Our observation schedule is known
 - Nobody will try to beat us *wasting* lot's of observation time for monitoring
 - Our goal is the monitoring data not to be *the first*.
- How can we gain from this situation?
 - ➡ Can we make our data public?



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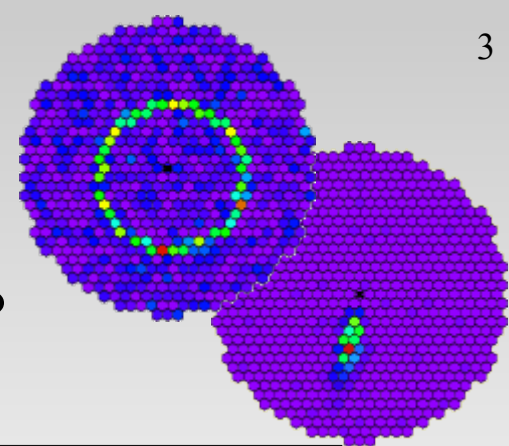


yes, we can!



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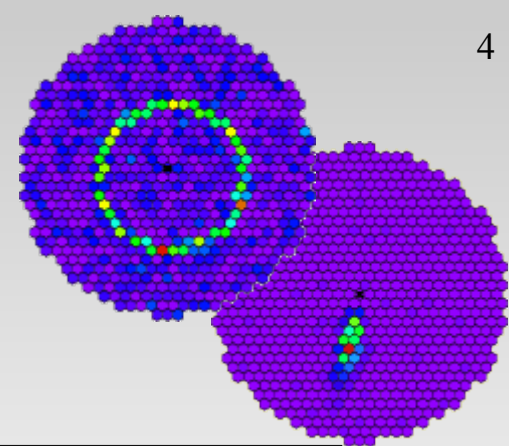


- What are the disadvantages?
 - People could write papers about our data signing only with their names
 - Unexperienced people could publish wrong results harming our reputation
 - People could claim wrong things about our data
- What are the advantages?
 - Everybody has access to the data and can learn from it himself
 - We don't need firewalls and strict access policies
 - We could gain a lot from experienced people
 - People can make studies on the data for which we don't have the time (i.e. we could gain publications without doing the work!)



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License our data to the public



How can we avoid this?

- As for software **we assign a license to our data.**
- This license could include:
 - Granting the right for free copy
 - No publication of the data, parts of the data or derived results without our approval
 - The data must never be separated from the license (we could even include the license in the files)
 - It might be possible to use one of the GPL licenses for documents as a template